

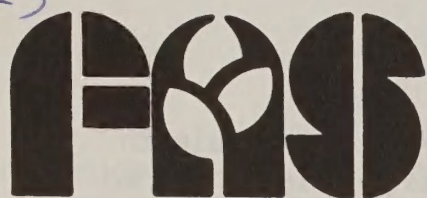
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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, June 15--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade:

EC TRADE NOTES

The EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) rejected applications to export 1.2 million tons of wheat at its latest weekly export tender. In this second week of the new early tender season, exporters had requested subsidies of \$24-\$42 per ton, whereas the EC set a limit of \$26 per ton. Under the new EC export guidelines to control exports until the beginning of the new EC August/July marketing year, accepted applications would be eligible for an additional (corrective) subsidy of \$35 per ton as of August 1. The large number of applications indicates the EC has pent-up exportable supplies caused by its abbreviated 1982/83 export program and the resulting large carryover amid prospects of another big wheat harvest.

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EC consumption of soybean meal in 1983 is likely to fall below last year's level if present conditions persist. Soybean crushers in the EC are experiencing poor crushing margins because of the continued strength of the dollar and competition with imports of Brazilian soybean meal. Continuing strong shipments of soybean meal to the Soviet Union by crushers in the Netherlands and West Germany are about the only bright spot in an otherwise gloomy picture.

Because of very slow economic growth, poor livestock profitability and slackened meat exports, EC demand for soybean meal in compound feeds is down. Tapioca imports have been reduced, with the intention of using approximately 2.4 million tons of wheat from surplus stocks in mixed feeds. Because wheat contains relatively more protein than tapioca, the need for additional protein from soybean meal will be reduced. In addition, the EC plans to use up to 40,000 tons per month of its surplus skim milk powder in compound feeds, again leading to less use of soybean meal. Finally, the EC is expecting a record rapeseed crop this year, and rapeseed meal is widely used in cattle rations.

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## GRAIN AND FEED

The CANADIAN Wheat Board announced a 2.1 million-ton wheat sale to China for shipments beginning August 1983. This is the first sale announced for the new Canadian Aug.-July 1983/84 marketing year. The Canadians have a grain agreement with the Chinese to supply 3.5-4.2 million tons of wheat annually in the Aug.-July 1982/83-1984/85 period. The Canadians initial wheat sale to China for Aug.-July 1982/83 marketing year was announced in May 1982 at 1.7 million tons, and total Canadian wheat exports to China for the period are expected to reach 4.2-4.5 million tons.

## DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

CHINA's National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs, Import and Export Corporation (CEROILS), is interested in buying another planeload (about 500 head) of U.S. swine for breeding purposes. The same group successfully imported 462 head of Hampshires and Durocs from Nebraska in May 1982. CEROILS would like to send a seven-man delegation to the United States in mid-July to visit swine raising sites and to contract for the purchases and delivery of the pigs.

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Retail sales of locally raised chickens in HONG KONG are estimated to have dropped nearly 50 percent in the first week of June following the disclosure of recent hormone residue findings. Hexoestrol, a growth hormone known to cause cancer, has been detected in chicken meat produced in Hong Kong and imported from the People's Republic of China. Tests on chicken meat imported from the United States and Denmark showed insignificant hormone levels.

Despite price drops of nearly 40 percent, some Hong Kong consumers are avoiding purchases of chicken meat. As Hong Kong's largest supplier of frozen chicken and poultry wings, the United States may increase its share in that market unless demand for fresh chicken recovers or the government imposes restrictions on hormone use. The United States shipped \$24.8 million of broilers and chicken wings (25,240 tons) to Hong Kong in 1982.

## COTTON AND FIBERS

Heavy rains and floods in ARGENTINA during May have damaged the 1982/83 cotton crop in principal growing areas of Chaco and Formosa, according to the U.S. agricultural counselor. Since cotton areas are still inaccessible for completion of harvest, final output and area could be lower than the revised estimates of 480,000 bales from 350,000 hectares. However, favorable local cotton prices will encourage producers to harvest the handpicked crop more thoroughly. The 1981/82 cotton crop totaled 703,000 bales from 399,000 hectares.

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## TOBACCO

TAIWAN's 1983 tobacco crop is estimated at 22,872 tons (farm sales weight), down 11 percent from last year's crop. The recently harvested crop was affected by a frost in January followed by an extended period of rain during the first 4 months of 1983. Carryover stocks from the 1982 crop totaling 25,570 tons, the largest since 1976, are expected to be more than adequate even with the smaller 1983 production.

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BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG's use of unmanufactured tobacco in 1982 continued its upward trend to 42,492 tons, an increase of 4 percent from 1981. This rise is attributed to larger output of cigarettes, requiring over 68 percent of the total unmanufactured tobacco used, which reached a new high of 28.7 billion pieces, an increase of 6.6 percent over 1981. Most of this gain went into exports, as actual domestic cigarette consumption is estimated to have declined by 2 to 3 percent in 1982. Production of cigarettes is expected to continue trending upward in 1983 by about 5 to 6 percent.

Along with greater activity in domestic tobacco industry, imports of leaf were up 10 percent in 1982 to 37,702 tons, of which U.S. leaf represented 11 percent of the total. Belgium-Luxembourg is a traditional importer of leaf and net exporter of tobacco products, especially cigarettes; its 1982 cigarette exports rose to 12.7 billion pieces, up 5.5 percent from 1981, with 1983 exports forecast at 13 billion. Nearly all cigarettes exported are sold to other EC countries.

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On the MALAWI tobacco auctions, flue-cured prices during the eighth week of sales moved slightly upward averaging 1.78 kwachas (US\$1.64) per kilogram compared to 1.77 kwachas (US\$1.63) per kilogram the week before. Cumulative flue-cured sales through May 26 of 7,998 tons averaged 1.69 kwachas (US\$1.56) per kilogram, down 19 percent from the 1982 level of 2.08 kwachas (US\$2.32) per kilogram.

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PAKISTAN's tobacco exports, following a steady decline since the 1977 record level of 14,726 tons, reversed their downward trend in 1982 with exports of 1,920 tons, 890 tons more than 1981. The 1982 cigarette exports also rose 1.2 billion pieces from 800 million in 1981. Exports of leaf and cigarettes in 1983 are expected to remain at least at the 1982 level, with a possible increase in cigarettes. Imports of tobacco leaf and cigarettes are insignificant; in 1982 they were only 123 tons and 2 million pieces respectively.

## FRUITS AND NUTS

The 1983/84 tangerine crop in JAPAN is forecast at 3.37 million tons, 5 percent above last year's output. Yields are estimated to be 8 percent larger than last year, but the number of bearing trees will be marginally lower. The 1983/84 Japanese summer orange crop now being harvested is estimated at 300,000 tons, down 10 percent from last year due to lower yields and smaller number of bearing trees. Production of other oranges is estimated at 60,000 tons, 15 percent larger than last year's harvest due to larger number of bearing trees and improved yields.

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Selected International Prices

| Item                               | : | June 14, 1983 | : | Change from   | : | A year    |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|-----------|
|                                    | : |               | : | previous week | : | ago       |
| ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/                |   | \$ per MT     |   | \$ per bu.    |   | \$ per MT |
| Wheat:                             |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.         |   | 200.50        |   | 5.46          |   | -4.50     |
| U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%...          |   | 181.00        |   | 4.93          |   | -6.00     |
| U.S. No. 2 DHW/HW: 13.5%..         |   | N.Q.          |   | --            |   | --        |
| U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.....              |   | 154.00        |   | 4.19          |   | -2.00     |
| U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.....              |   | 196.00        |   | 5.33          |   | -2.00     |
| Canadian No. 1 A: Durum..          |   | 204.50 15/    |   | 5.57          |   | -.50      |
| Feed grains:                       |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....         |   | 145.00        |   | 3.68          |   | -3.00     |
| U.S. No. 2 Sorghum 2/.....         |   | N.Q.          |   | --            |   | --        |
| Feed Barley 3/.....                |   | N.Q.          |   | --            |   | --        |
| Soybeans and meal:                 |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....             |   | 241.75        |   | 6.58          |   | -8.00     |
| Brazil 47/48% SoyaPellets 4/       |   | 212.00        |   | --            |   | -7.00     |
| U.S. 44% Soybean Meal.....         |   | 209.00        |   | --            |   | -7.50     |
| U.S. FARM PRICES 5/                |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| Wheat.....                         |   | 131.91        |   | 3.59          |   | -.73      |
| Barley.....                        |   | 86.35         |   | 1.88          |   | 0.00      |
| Corn.....                          |   | 122.04        |   | 3.10          |   | +1.18     |
| Sorghum.....                       |   | 116.40        |   | 5.28 6/       |   | +1.10     |
| Broilers 7/.....                   |   | 1078.71       |   | --            |   | -1.54     |
| EC IMPORT LEVIES                   |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| Wheat 8/.*.....                    |   | 100.43        |   | 2.73          |   | +1.19     |
| Barley.....                        |   | 110.36        |   | 2.40          |   | +2.23     |
| Corn.....                          |   | 74.75         |   | 1.90          |   | +1.80     |
| Sorghum.....                       |   | 88.53         |   | 2.25          |   | -8.50     |
| Broilers 9/.....                   |   | 281.00        |   | --            |   | +2.00 13/ |
| EC INTERVENTION PRICES 11/         |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| Common wheat(feed quality)         |   | 180.06        |   | 4.90          |   | +1.06     |
| Bread wheat.....                   |   | 197.48        |   | 5.37          |   | -1.16     |
| Barley and all                     |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| other feed grains.....             |   | 180.00        |   | --            |   | +1.60     |
| Broilers 12/.....                  |   | 1109.00       |   | --            |   | -18.00    |
| EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies) |   |               |   |               |   |           |
| Wheat.....                         |   | N.A.          |   | --            |   | --        |
| Wheat flour.....                   |   | N.Q.          |   | N.Q.          |   | N.Q.      |
| Barley.....                        |   | N.A.          |   | --            |   | --        |
| Broilers 9/.....                   |   | 201.00        |   | --            |   | +1.00 13/ |
| Sugar, refined 14/.....            |   | N.Q.          |   | N.Q.          |   | N.Q.      |

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Optional delivery: Argentine Granifero sorghum. 3/ Optional delivery: Canadian feed barley. 4/ Optional delivery: Argentine. 5/ Based on selected major markets and adjusted to reflect farm prices more closely. 6/ Hundredweight (CWT). 7/ Twelve-city average, wholesale weighted average. 8/ Durum has a special levy. 9/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 10/ Reflects exchange rate change and not level set by EC. 11/ F.O.B. price for R.T.C. whole broilers at West German border. 12/ F.o.b price for R.T.C. whole broilers at West German border. 13/ Reflects exchange rate change and not change in level set by EC. 14/ Week of May 18-May 25, based on a maximum subsidy rate of 25.708 ECU's per 100 kilograms. 15/ July Shipment. N.Q.=Not quoted. N.A.=None authorized. \*Reflects exchange rate change and not change in level set by EC. Note: Basis July delivery.



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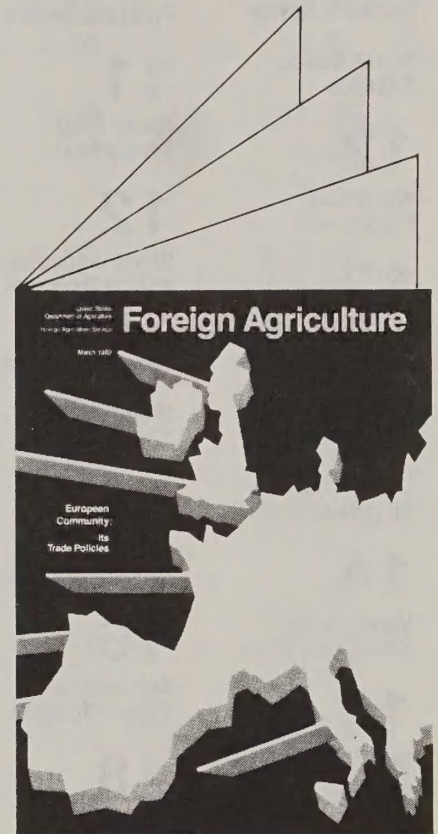
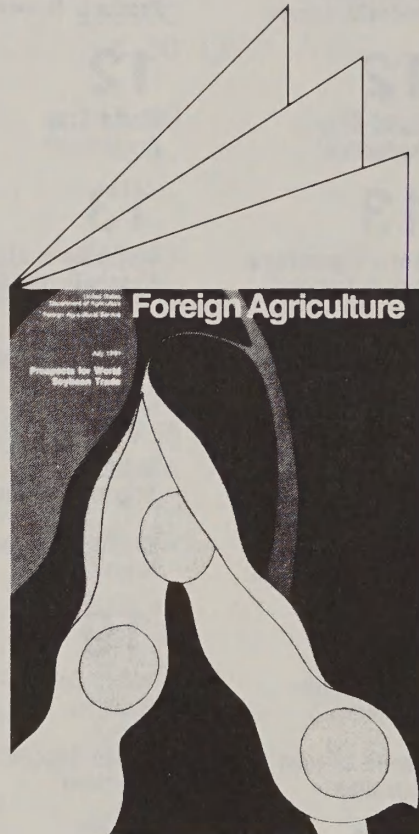
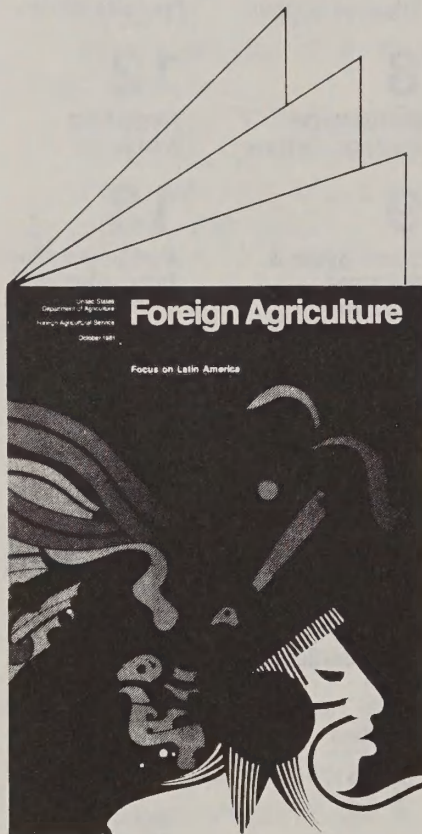
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